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EXPORT OF ARTIFACTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden NRI passion for Indian artifacts in foreign countries like USA; and

(b) if so, the details of exports of artifacts during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Indian Artifacts have always attracted foreign buyers. The exports of these items to USA is valued at Rs. 758.75 crore and Rs. 549.60 crore during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07 respectively.

(b) The exports of works of art, collectors pieces and antiques during 2006-07 has been Rs. 1951.71 crore.